

# "EXPERIENCE"

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## Schoharie County Office for the Aging 518-295-2001

### Laughter Is Good For The Soul

- I'm obsessed with telling airport jokes. My doctor says it's a terminal problem.
- The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."
- I'm going to stand outside. So, if anyone asks, I'm outstanding

**Reminder The Parkinson Support Group** meets the second Tuesday of every month, at 1PM, The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill, please call Deb Dyer at 518-295-2001 to RSVP or please have any questions.

### **Stay tuned for August Life Chat details**

**AARP Defensive Driving Class** will be held August 9, 2024, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Course fee \$25.00 AARP Members, \$30.00 Non-AARP Member. Payment by check or Money Order Only made out to AARP. No Cash payments will be accepted. Bring your Driver's license & AARP Card if member. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. Please arrive a few minutes early for the registration process. Registration Required 518-295-2001.

### **Medicare Reminder**

HIV screenings- In honor of National HIV Testing Day 2024: Level up your self-love: check your status.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) attacks the body's immune system and can lead to Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Screening can help determine if you need medical treatment for HIV. Eligibility

Medicare Part B covers an annual HIV screening if you are:

- Age 15-65
- Younger than 15 or older than 65, and at increased risk
- Or, pregnant

**Note:** Pregnant women are eligible to receive coverage for up to three HIV screenings during pregnancy.

**Costs** - If you qualify, Original Medicare covers HIV screenings at 100% of the Medicare-approved amount when you receive services from a participating provider. This means you pay nothing (no deductible nor coinsurance). Medicare Advantage Plans are required to cover HIV screenings without applying deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance when you see an in-network provider and meet Medicare's eligibility requirements for the service.

During the course of your screening, your provider may discover and need to investigate or treat a new or existing problem. This additional care is considered diagnostic, meaning your provider is treating you because of certain symptoms or risk factors. Medicare may bill you for any diagnostic care you receive during a preventive visit.

### **Medicare coverage of PrEP**

PrEP medication using antiretroviral drugs prevents HIV infection in high-risk individuals. PrEP is currently covered under Part D. CMS proposed in July 2023 that both oral and injectable forms of PrEP be covered by Part B as a preventive service and have no deductible or coinsurance cost-sharing. This proposal is still under review.

**Farmers Market Coupon Information:** The Farmers Market Coupons are here. This year coupons will be \$5.00 each for a total benefit of \$25.00 per booklet. Eligibility guidelines: Must be 60 Years or older. Monthly income is at or below: \$2,322/month for a one-person household, \$3,152 month for a two-person household, \$3,981/month for a three-person household. If you haven't already received them and would like to get the coupons this year, please call OFA at 518-295-2001.

**Thought for the Week** – A child's laugh could simply be one of the most beautiful sounds in the world!